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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is at the heart of the American spirit. I currently use an independent provider for my phone and internet service (Sonic.net). I am dismayed that the FCC may allow AT&T and others to exert monopoly power to raise prices and thus limit fair access to the internet. Please keep American business vibrant and deny US Telecom's request to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. Please maintain the integrity of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

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